



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG, ROMULO AND UNGAB, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 843

AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY -
COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
(PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA INTO
THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY, DESIGNATING THEM AS
REGULAR CAMPUSES THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7818

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7818, otherwise known as
2 the "Palawan State University Charter", is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 "SECTION. 1. x x x
4 "THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF
5 COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PSU-CCRD)
6 EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN
7 THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, NAMELY: PSU-NARRA;
8 PSU-QUEZON; PSU-BROOKE'S POINT; PSU-ROXAS;
9 PSU-TAYTAY; AND PSU-CORON CAMPUSES, SHALL BE
10 INTEGRATED AS REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE PSU.

1 **“THE FOLLOWING PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN**
2 **THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF**
3 **PUERTO PRINCESA, NAMELY: PSU-ESPANOLA; PSU-RIZAL;**
4 **PSU-BATARAZA; PSU-BALABAC; PSU-DUMARAN;**
5 **PSU-SAN VICENTE; PSU-LINAPACAN AND THE OTHER**
6 **TECHNOLOGY BRANCHES THAT MAY BE ORGANIZED**
7 **HEREINAFTER SHALL BE INTEGRATED AS REGULAR**
8 **TECHNOLOGY BRANCHES OF THE UNIVERSITY.**

9 **“THE PSU MAIN CAMPUS, THE PSU-CUYO CAMPUS**
10 **(FORMERLY PALAWAN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE) IN THE**
11 **MUNICIPALITY OF CUYO, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, WHICH WAS**
12 **INTEGRATED INTO THE MAIN CAMPUS, AND THE REGULAR**
13 **CAMPUSES AND TECHNOLOGY BRANCHES OF THE PSU**
14 **ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE COLLECTIVELY**
15 **REFERRED TO AS THE UNIVERSITY.”**

16 **SEC. 2. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended to read**
17 **as follows:**

18 **“SEC. 3. The University shall CONTINUE TO offer ITS**
19 **PRESENT undergraduate and graduate [courses] CURRICULAR**
20 **OFFERINGS in the fields of education, arts and sciences, and other**
21 **degree courses as the [b]Board of [r]Regents, HEREINAFTER**
22 **REFERRED TO AS THE BOARD, may deem necessary [to] IN ORDER**
23 **THAT IT CAN EFFECTIVELY carry out its objectives[.],**
24 **CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL**
25 **DEVELOPMENT GOALS. It shall also CONTINUE TO offer**
26 **opportunity in short-term technical or vocational courses within its**
27 **areas of specialization to meet the needs of the nation.”**

1 SEC. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

3 “SEC. 4. The University shall have the general powers of a
4 corporation set forth in the corporation law. The administration of
5 the University and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be
6 vested exclusively in the [b]Board of [r]Regents and the
7 [p]President of the University [insofar] as authorized by the
8 [b]Board.

9 “EACH REGULAR CAMPUS SHALL BE HEADED BY AN
10 ADMINISTRATOR, WHO SHALL RENDER FULL-TIME SERVICE. THE
11 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD UPON
12 THE RECOMMENDATION OF A DULY CONSTITUTED SEARCH
13 COMMITTEE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, SUBJECT
14 TO THE GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STANDARDS SET BY
15 THE BOARD. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM
16 OF FOUR (4) YEARS AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
17 REAPPOINTMENT FOR ANOTHER TERM.

18 “IN CASE OF VACANCY BY REASON OF DEATH, RESIGNATION,
19 REMOVAL FOR CAUSE, OR THE INCAPACITY OF THE
20 ADMINISTRATOR TO PERFORM THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF
21 THE OFFICE, THE BOARD MAY DESIGNATE AN OFFICER-IN-
22 CHARGE OF THE CAMPUS PENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
23 NEW ADMINISTRATOR. THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OR THE
24 SUCCESSOR SHALL SERVE ONLY FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION
25 OF THE TERM.”

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1 SEC. 4. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

3 “SEC. 9. The University shall be headed by a president to
4 be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon
5 recommendation of the Board and shall hold office for a term of
6 [six (6)] FOUR (4) years, [without reappointment] SUBJECT TO
7 REAPPOINTMENT FOR ONE (1) MORE TERM unless [he] THE
8 PRESIDENT reaches the MANDATORY age of retirement or earlier
9 removed for cause, or IS incapacitated to discharge the duties of
10 the office: *PROVIDED, THAT THE CURRENT UNIVERSITY*
11 *PRESIDENT SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE FOR THE*
12 *REMAINDER OF THE TERM, UNLESS REAPPOINTED OR IS SOONER*
13 *REMOVED FOR CAUSE, OR IS INCAPACITATED TO DISCHARGE THE*
14 *DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, OR HAS REACHED THE MANDATORY*
15 *RETIREMENT AGE.*

16 “In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason
17 of death, resignation, incapacity of the President to perform
18 the functions of [his] THE office, or removal for cause, the
19 Board [shall have the authority to] MAY designate an
20 [o]Officer-in-[c]Charge of the University pending the
21 appointment of a successor. The new President shall hold office
22 for the unexpired PORTION OF THE term OF THE PREVIOUS
23 PRESIDENT, but in no case shall [his] THE term be more than
24 [six (6)] FOUR (4) years subject to the provision of [the preceding
25 paragraph] EXISTING LAWS.”

26 “x x x.”

1 SEC. 5. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 “SEC. 20. The heads of bureaus and offices of the national
4 government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer TO THE
5 UNIVERSITY OR ITS CAMPUSES, upon request of the President of
6 the University, such apparatus, equipment, or supplies as may be
7 needed by the University OR ITS CAMPUSES and to detail
8 employees for duty therein when in the judgment of the head of
9 bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or services
10 of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to the
11 public service. The employee so detailed shall perform such
12 duties as required of them by the President of the University and
13 the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular
14 service.”

15 SEC. 6. A new section after Section 21 is hereby inserted as Section
16 21-A to read as follows:

17 “SEC. 21-A. THE UNIVERSITY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS
18 THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR PETROLEUM AND
19 RENEWABLE ENERGY. AS SUCH, THE UNIVERSITY, IN ADDITION
20 TO THE REGULAR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN ITS
21 CHARTER, SHALL:

22 “(A) PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF ENERGY;

24 “(B) DEVELOP DATABASE FOR PETROLEUM AND ENERGY
25 TO SERVE AS RESOURCE TO THE COUNTRY’S POLICY MAKERS;

26 “(C) CONDUCT RESEARCHES, CASE STUDIES, AND OTHER
27 APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF
28 PETROLEUM AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES; AND

1 “(D) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LEGISLATORS IN THE
2 ANALYSIS AND FORMULATION OF POLICIES CONCERNING
3 ENERGY AND ISSUES AFFECTING PETROLEUM.”

4 SEC. 7. Section 22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 “SEC. 22. All the assets, fixed and movable, records, and
6 personnel of [the Palawan State College,] ALL EXISTING PSU
7 CAMPUSES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF PALAWAN AND IN OTHER
8 BRANCHES THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY, as
9 well as THEIR liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to
10 the University: *Provided, however,* That the positions, rights, and
11 security of tenure of [personnel] FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS
12 EMPLOYED therein under existing laws prior to [absorption by the
13 University] INTEGRATION OF THE PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL
14 CAMPUSES AS REGULAR UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES [are] SHALL not
15 BE impaired: *Provided, further,* That the [incumbent of the
16 positions shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided
17 for by the Board] PRESENT SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
18 UNITS (LGUS) TO THE EXISTING PSU-CCRDs SHALL NOT BE
19 ABRIDGED. All parcels of land belonging to the government AND
20 occupied by the [Palawan State College] UNIVERSITY AND ITS
21 EXISTING CAMPUSES AND PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL CAMPUSES are
22 hereby declared to be the property of the [Palawan State]
23 University and shall be titled under that name: *Provided,* That
24 should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such
25 parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the
26 University CAMPUSES, the same shall revert to the [Province of

1 Palawan] MUNICIPALITY OR CITY WHICH HAS JURISDICTION
2 OVER THE SAME.”

3 SEC. 8. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 “SEC. 23. The amount necessary [for the] TO CARRY OUT
6 THE INITIAL implementation of this Act shall be charged against
7 the current year’s [appropriations of the Palawan State College.
8 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and
9 maintenance shall be] FUNDING OF THE PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL
10 CAMPUSES PROVIDED BY THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE
11 CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA. THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND
12 THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
13 THE SAME ASSISTANCE UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE FULL
14 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PSU MAIN CAMPUS AND ALL
15 THE UNIVERSITY BRANCHES ARE included in the annual General
16 Appropriations Act.”

17 SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
18 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,